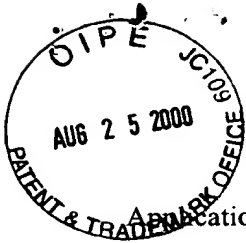


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2000, be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from June 26, 2000 to and including August 26, 2000.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$190.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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